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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS

REF STATE 85109

1. THIS AFTERNOON (APRIL 15), DCM SIMMS CALLED ON A.N.
 FORDE, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
 AND LEFT COPY OF SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 SPEECH ON LOS, WITH
 REQUEST THAT IT BE PASSED TO MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
 MOE. SIMMS ALSO MADE POINTS OUTLINED REFTTEL.

2. FORDE SAID HE WOULD MAKE SURE MOE GOT THE COPY OF THE
 SECRETARY'S SPEECH ASAP. AS GOB DELEGATION TO LOS NEGOTIATIONS
 HAD NOT RECENTLY REPORTED TO MINISTRY ON PROGRESS
 OF NEGOTIATIONS, HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO COMMENT ON
 SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER. IT SEEMED DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, THAT
 OUTSTANDING ISSUES COULD BE RESOLVED BY END OF THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: BARBADIAN SOLICITOR GENERAL OLIVER BROWNE IS
 IN NEW YORK REPRESENTING GOB IN NEGOTIATIONS, AND IT SEEMS
 CLEAR FROM FORDE'S REMARKS THAT HE ENJOYS A LARGE MEASURE
 OF DISCRETION. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT BEST WAY OF ENLISTING
 GOB SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITIONS MAY BE BY APPROACHING BROWNE
 DIRECTLY. BUJITON

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